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Mr. Doug Day
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Dear Doug:

Thanks for your December 21, 1981, offer of assistance to work with this Division in reviewing the Chevron Resources Vernal Phosphate Operation Mining and Reclamation Plan.

You are correct in your understanding about this Division having recently conducted an on site inspection of this mine. Said inspection was performed in early December 1981, by Joe Helfrich, Jim Smith, and myself. The inspection revealed a few items which need additional work by Chevron; probably the most notable being the method used by Chevron to stockpile topsoil. More attention needs to be given by the company to analyzing the surface soil resource on the mining area.

However, the work being done presently does seem to follow the Stauffer Chemical Company's approved (February 23, 1981) mining and reclamation plan. One provision of that plan is a commitment to update it this year when plans for a major revision of mining methods are finalized.

Subsequent talks with Chevron have led the Division to believe that it will receive a revised mining and reclamation plan from the company during the first half of 1982.

Your Division's input on the review of the Vernal Phosphate Plan is welcome. Once we receive a revised plan you will be notified and your people will be welcome to make suggestions either before or after tentative approval is issued by the Board. Should we still then have unresolved differences on our review, a public hearing may be held if requested on the basis of a substantive objection.

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In the meantime, if you feel that some environmental problem needs attention, we would be glad to discuss it with you.

Sincerely,


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DIRECTOR

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